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Letter dated 9 November 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to Afghanistan from 9 to 17 November 2006. The mission will be led by Kenzo Oshima of Japan. The members of the Council have agreed on the terms of reference of the mission, which are annexed hereto.

Following consultations with the members, it has been agreed that the composition of the mission is as follows:

Kenzo Oshima (Japan), Head of mission

Martin Garcia Moritan (Argentina)

Lars Faaborg-Andersen (Denmark)

Jean-Pierre Lacroix (France)

Adamantios Th. Vassilakis (Greece)

Abdulla Al-Sulati (Qatar)

Vadim Smirnov (Russian Federation)

Peter Burian (Slovakia)

Nicholas Williams (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

Jackie Wolcott Sanders (United States of America)

I should be grateful if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Jorge **Voto-Bernales**
President of the Security Council

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Annex

Security Council mission to Afghanistan

Terms of reference

1. The members of the Security Council have decided to send a mission to Afghanistan. The visit will take place from 9 to 17 November 2006.

2. The mission has the following objectives:

- To give assurance to the Afghan society of the continued commitment by the international community to the Afghan process based on the Afghan Compact and Security Council resolution 1662 (2006) under the Afghan leadership
- To demonstrate the Council's support for the Afghan efforts for security, governance and development by the Government, Parliament, local governments, civil society and other Afghan parties
- To review the progress in the Afghan efforts in the above areas, with particular emphasis on counter-narcotics, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration/disbandment of illegal armed groups, human rights protection, public sector reform, justice sector reform and rule of law issues
- To review the status of international assistance, in particular the activities of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, including United Nations provincial offices and the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board and the operation of the International Security Assistance Force, including its cooperation with the Afghan Security Forces and the Operation Enduring Freedom coalition